

MCTA Patiently Awaits the Medina BOE's Special Meeting

MCTA has reviewed the results from the State Auditor as presented to the Board of Education. We appreciate the effort the BOE is making to ensure the process is legal and appropriate. With the Auditor's current findings, and after today's press conference, MCTA will wait patiently for the outcome of Thursday's special board meeting.

Most disturbing in these findings is the \$947,128 of school monies that were improperly dispersed, in part, to the U.S. Department of Education, to Rao Business Coaching (aka The Growth Coach), and to DSP Solutions for undetermined services. The audit clearly states that, "invoices were not itemized and (we) were therefore unable to determine the nature of the services provided." And, the matter of the \$172,011 showed that "there was no detail as to the related expenses included in the balance." In addition to the above concerns, the auditor's office also stated "a Finding for Recovery (for) public money illegally expended is hereby issued against Randolph S. Stepp, in the amount of \$3,870" and, "... in the amount of \$151" and, "... in the amount of \$100," equaling a recovery of \$4121. MCTA knows of similar cases where personnel received serious consequences for lesser amounts owed.

While MCTA realizes this process is not over, we do know that the BOE has the power and authority to make the right decision at the right time. We believe the BOE will act accordingly.